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Amendment and Reply to Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This document is responsive to the Action dated July 12, 2005 on the above-identified application. Applicants request respectfully that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

high (Action at 7). In view of such high level of skill and the knowledge that such high level entails (as evidenced by the 21 publications submitted herewith), Applicants submit that the present disclosure enables the full scope of the claims.

Thus, for all of the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims are fully enabled by the present disclosure; one skilled in the art would not have to engage in undue experimentation to practice any of the claimed methods. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested respectfully.

**Conclusion**

Applicants submit respectfully that this application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an indication of allowability and an early Notice of Allowance are requested respectfully.

The Commissioner is authorized hereby to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Reply (copy enclosed) to Deposit Account Number 19-5425.

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